

## Feral Cats

Feral cats are cats that are afraid of humans. Some are abandoned pets while others were born to feral.

When confronted with a feral cat problem, you have **two options**:

1. If you are willing to make the commitment, you may wish to
  - trap the cat
  - have it neutered
  - then re-release it in your area.

Remember that even though the cats are now neutered, they can still spread diseases to other cats. If you are going to neuter and release it is recommended that you **also have the cat FELV/FIV tested**. If these test come back negative, please give the cats vaccinations to protect them from getting diseases from other cats.

2. You may also trap stray cats on your property and bring them to the animal shelter. **Any cat you trap must be surrendered to the animal shelter within 8 hours of capture**. The City of Hayward does not pick up stray or confined cats. We recommend that you return any known cat to its rightful owner.